

### **Remarks**

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 18 are currently amended.

Claims 12-17 are cancelled.

Claims 1-11 and 18 are now present in this application.

### **Restriction**

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC 121:

- I. Claims 1-11 and 17-18, drawn to transparent polyolefin, polyester or polyamide articles,
- II. Claim 12, drawn to the use of a transparent film for suppressing microbial growth in a protected cultivation,
- III. Claims 13 and 14, drawn to a process for suppressing microbial growth in a protected environment,
- IV. Claim 15, drawn to a method for selectively screening solar and/or artificial light radiation to crops contained inside a greenhouse and
- V. Claim 16, drawn to compounds.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1-11 and 17-18.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) on the non-elected subject matter.

## **Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate subject matter from claim 9 and claim 17.

Claim 2 is amended to properly depend on claim 1.

Claim 7 is amended to delete the term "especially".

Claim 8 is amended to delete the term "especially".

Claim 9 is amended to include the subject matter deleted from claim 8.

Claim 11 is amended to delete the term "especially".

Claim 18 is amended to depend on claim 1 and to delete the term "mainly".

Applicants are following the voluntary revised amendment practice guidelines, published in the Official Gazette February 25, 2003. The texts of all claims under examination are presently submitted. Marked-up versions of the currently amended claims are submitted. Additions are shown with underlining and deletions are shown with strikethrough.

No new matter is added as a result of any of the present amendments.

The Examiner is kindly requested to enter the present amendments.

Favorable consideration of the present claims is respectfully awaited.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Please find enclosed a copy of the GB search report. Also enclosed is a copy of JP11322841 cited in the report.

The other two references cited in the GB search report are already of record.

The Examiner is kindly requested to indicate that this reference is considered by initialing Form PTO 1449.

Certificate under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

I, the undersigned Agent, hereby certify that each item of information enclosed was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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